

Zemiaki language

Zemiaki (Zamyaki) is a Nuristani language spoken by some 400–500 people in the Kunar Province of Afghanistan.^[2]

It is named after the settlement in which it is spoken, from the Pashto *Zemyaki žǎba* "language of Zemyaki", the native equivalent being *Ĵamlám-am bašá*. It is closely related to Waigali, and ancestors of the Zemyakis were, according to local tradition, Waigalis who migrated into the area several centuries ago.^[2] The language spoken in the surrounding areas is Pashto, and it has been a source of a large number of lexical borrowings, including several common conjunctions.^[3]

There is no grammatical gender, but number and person are marked on the verb,^[4] following a split-ergative pattern of agreement.^[5]

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Zemiaki	
Native to	Afghanistan
Region	Nuristan Province
Native speakers	500 (1999)
Language family	<div>Indo-European<ul style="list-style-type: none">Indo-Iranian<ul style="list-style-type: none">Nuristani<ul style="list-style-type: none">Southern<ul style="list-style-type: none">Zemiaki</div>
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	(included in [nli])
Glottolog	zemi1238 (http://glottolog.org/resource/language/id/zemi1238) ^[1]